(d) were there any complaints to the Government by the people referred to in (c) (2) above about their difficulties on account of the private nature of these systems and what was the nature of the complaints ;

(e) has the Government hitherto taken any action in the matter; if so, what?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c). Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(d) Without specifying the period, it is not possible to furnish the information required.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

Damage to avenue trees.

6. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the final orders of the Government with regard to the damage done to the avenue trees referred to in question 120 (5) of the Legislative Session of 1103 ; what is the report of the Superintendent of Agriculture about this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The correspondence is confidential and cannot, therefore, be published.

Utilisation of used Anchal and Service stamps received in Public Offices.

7. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state:—

(a) whether used Anchal and Service stamps in respect of covers, etc., received in Government offices are sold and sale proceeds are utilised for any public or private purpose in any of the offices; if so, is the benefit enjoyed by any one particular individual or in common;

(b) why the same practice is not followed in all the offices;

(c) is it a fact that in the Excise Superintendent's Office the Manager is appropriating the sale proceeds all to himself in spite of the request of the members of the office to share the same; whether there is any objection to order a common sharing of the amount or preferably to credit the same to Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (b) and (c). There is no rule regarding the disposal of used Anchal and Service stamps. The Government realise their intrinsic value when they are once used and cancelled. They have no information on the points raised in the question and they do not consider it necessary to direct an enquiry for the purpose of collecting such information.

Payment of toll by Heads of Departments.

8. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Heads of Departments who have not paid toll to any toll contractor during this year?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no such instance.

Conviction for cow slaughter.

9. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of conviction for cow slaughter for the last twenty years in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nil.

Nomination of defeated candidate in Kariyannur Panchayat.

10. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why was Kalakkoottu Thoma who was defeated in election nominated as a member of the Kariyannur Panchayat; whether there was no one else other than this defeated man who was qualified for membership;

(b) under what sections of *the Penal Code* was the President of the said Panchayat convicted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Mr. Thoma though defeated in the election is not disqualified under the rules to be a Panchayatdar. (2) A list of qualified persons is not available.

(b) Under section 303 of *the C. P. C.*

Grant of privilege leave to Panchayat employees.

11. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat physicians, Panchayat clerks and peons; if not, who is to look after the work when a physician falls sick?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat clerks and peons; but only leave without allowance is granted to Panchayat *Vaidyans*; when a *Vaidyan* goes on leave another, if available, is appointed to act.

Appointments of Allopathic Physicians in Rural Dispensaries.

12. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions with the names of petitioners received by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for the appointments in the newly started allopathic village dispensaries for the last three years with a caste-war statement of the appointments made;

(b) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer received any petition from one Mr. C. Padmanabha Menon, L.M.P;

(c) if so, when?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Rural dispensaries were established only from 1st Chingam 1103. Seven such dispensaries were opened in 1103 and the following is the list of applications received for appointments to those places:—

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